

# Senator Welcome Built Career On Rights

Senator Verda Welcome (D., Fourth), shot early today near her home, has built her career fighting in Annapolis for equal Negro rights.

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She first entered public life in 1958 when she was elected to the House of Delegates after fiercely opposing the forces of James H. (Jack) Pollack.

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At the Legislature, she immediately began sponsoring legislation aimed at breaking down racial barriers in hotels and restaurants.

### In Picket Line

At times she has taken to the picket line herself to protest discrimination.

Twice Senator Welcome was slighted by hotels in Ocean City, which either refused to register her or give her "first class" accommodations.

The latest incident occurred in August, 1963, when the senator was attending a meeting of the Democratic Women's clubs at the Atlantic Hotel. The hotel later apologized for not registering

### Insurance Fight

Senator Welcome was elected to the upper house in 1962, again af-

ter locking horns with the Pollack organization. She narrowly beat J. Alvin Jones.

Of late, Senator Welcome has devoted her time to auto insurance rates, which she charged are discriminatory to Negroes.

At last month's special session of the Legislature, she said F. Douglass Sears, State insurance commissioner, was "negligent" in protecting policyholders.

Her biggest success in the Legislature came during the same session when lawmakers, with a sharp nudge from Governor Tawes, passed a truly State-wide public accommodations law.



**WHERE GUNMAN FIRED**—This is the scene where Senator Verda Welcome escaped assassination from an unseen gunman. She was getting out of her car parked beside her home in the

**Eve. Sun** 2100 block Liberty Heights avenue when the gunman fired. Patrolman William Pritchett points where spent cartridges were found.